

Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1 and 2 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and that Claims 3 and 4 would also be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112.

The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's helpful comments concerning minor corrections to the Specification to correct grammatical and spelling errors. The Specification has accordingly been amended to correct those errors. Also, the reference numbers and reference to several of the Claims in the Specification has been corrected.

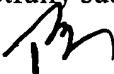
The Applicants enclose new Figs. 9 and 10 that now include the legend "Prior Art" in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Formal drawings will be submitted upon indication of acceptability of the proposed changes.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 1 – 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112 and the Examiner's helpful comments concerning individual portions of Claims 1 and 2. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to correct those items. For example, the portion of Claims 1 and 2 at line 7 now refers only to intermediate links having one end coupled to an upper portion of the opening and closing arms. A highlighted portion of Fig. 3, relabelled Fig. A, is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 1 and 2 at line 10 have been amended to recite "into which is inserted the lifting rod." With respect to the phrase "a stopper for a lever (58)", this has been changed to remove "for a lever (58)." Also, line 16 of Claim 2 has been amended to remove reference to "(511), (512) are provided at respective holes." Finally, Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to remove reference to "the vicinities". Also, Claims 3 and 4 at line 2 have been amended to clarify "the other end."

Finally, all of the Claims have been amended in various locations to place them into better form and in accordance with U.S. Rules of Practice. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of Claims 1 – 4 is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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